



State Priority Schools Leadership Meeting

April 27, 2015



Welcome and Introductions



State Priority Schools

- State Priority Schools (formerly Palmetto Priority Schools) are designated by their At Risk absolute rating (2.31 or lower) on the South Carolina state report card.
- The Education Accountability Act, which became law in 1998, authorizes technical assistance for At-Risk schools.
S.C. Code Ann. § 59-18-1510



“My fear is that my child will grow up and ask, ‘Why did you send me to that school? Couldn’t you do any better?’” --- Parent of a Priority School student



Congratulations!!!

- Blackville-Hilda Jr. High, Barnwell 45
- Holly Hill Roberts Middle, Orangeburg 3
- Lee Central High, Lee County
- Memminger Elementary, Charleston County
- R.B. Stall High, Charleston County

Due Dates to Finish SY14-15

- Summer Extended Learning – 04-24
- Final Amendments – 04-27
- HSTW/MMGW Conference – 04-27
- Professional Development Plans – 04-28
- Carryover Amount – 06-30

*Newly designated schools will send in separate report later



Anticipated Funding SY15-16

Base of \$140,000 + \$20 per pupil
(based on 2015 135-day student
count)



Challenge to Achieve (CTA) Plans

- New format – Seven Federal Turnaround Principles
- Separate budget form
- Living, evolving documents
- *CTA* Rubric -- self-assessment, External Review Team



Seven Turnaround Principles

- Strong Leadership
- Effective Teachers
- Redesign of Time for Learning and Collaboration
- Aligned and Rigorous Instruction
- Data to Inform Instruction and Improvement
- Student-Centered Environment and Climate
- Family and Community Engagement



External Review Team (ERT) Process

- Professional Development Liaison → External Review Team Leader → Transformation Coach
- Newly designated schools will receive ERT visit in May
- Transformation Coaches will work with schools to develop *CTA Plan* for 2015-16
- Support through ERT process will continue as *CTA Plans* evolve
- Professional development needs---work through Transformation Coach



SC Summer Reads

- Reading logs/info
- Pictures/visitor requests
- Share experiences/ideas



Opportunities.....

- Edventure
- Science
- Social Studies
- ELA
- Math
- Arts